BALTIMORE METROCENTER SURVEY

AREA: Cathedral Hill

SURVEY NO.: B-2192

MAGI NO.: 0421925711

Address: 326 St. Paul Place

Current Name:

Lot: 1 Block: 581

Height: 4

Condition: Good Use: Commercial Designation:

Lot size: 74 ft. x 37 ft. Materials: Brick and stone

Owner: 326 St. Paul Place Inc. Accessible: yes, restricted Liber/Folio: JFC 621/572

Historic Name: Banneker Building (?)

ca. 1920 Date: Architect/Builder:

Style (if appropriate): Classical Revival

Description: The principal facade on St. Paul Place is a symmetrical arrangement of five bays with a center entrance. Each bay except the center has a pair of windows. The end bays project slightly. On the first floor the windows have blind brick arches with stone springs and keys. The tympanum is stucco. The windows are 6/6 and have iron grilles. The entrance has an arched, fanlighted doorway flanked by plain pilasters and engaged columns. A blank frieze above the doorway has a paneled overdoor reaching to the sill level of the second floor. A scrolled surround ornaments the second floor window. An inset panel with a swag design is located below a small 6/6 window at the third floor level. All other windows are uniform in size and have 6/6 sash, splayed stone lintels, and stone sills. The basement is faced in stone and a belt course at the fourth floor level is stone. The modillion cornice has a brick and stone balustrade parapet. On the Pleasant Street elevation are three bays with a stone arched and fanlighted doorway.

Significance:

Area: architecture Level: local

The Georgian Revival style of the building was part of the architectural upsurge prompted by the 1919 construction of Preston Gardens between St. Paul Street and Calvert Street. Promotion ads for the area hailed it as an adjunct to the municipal center at its south end and hoped for a new business center along the north-south streets. This building may have been built as the Banneker Building, although within a year or two of its construction, it was known as the Hack Building after Waldo Hack, a lawyer whose office was listed at the Pleasant Street entrance. The Banneker Building Co. relocated to 14 East Pleasnt Street (see B-2184).

Sources: Land records; city directories

Surveyor and Date: Janet Davis, April 1985





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Cathedral Hill - Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
Photo: Janet Davis
Date: August 1984
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Southeast corner view
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Entrance detail, east elevation
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This semi attached brick building of English bond is located

at the corner of East Pleasant and St. Paul Place; it is

four stories, nine bays and has a flat roof. The first story

has a centrally located door which is encased by a masonry classical facade. The door facade has square pilasters on each side and engaged columns on the inside and they support an entablature. The door is full arched with a full arched decorative transom. Directly above the entablature is a rectangular window.; it is of 3 over 4 panes and has decorative masonry around it. The windows on the first story are rectangular shaped with 3 over 4 panes, have a full arch cement transom, brick full arch lintels with a keystone in the center and also they have black grilled railings. The second floor windows are rectangular with 3 over 4 panes, have stone sills and stone flat arches with a keysone design. The third floor windows are are the same as the second. The fourth floor windows are rectangular with 3/4 panes but are shorter in height and have no lintels.

The decorztions are a railed balustrade on top of the roof, a simple stone cornice; above each third floor window is a rectangular stone inlaid panel, above the window located over the door is a panel with a scrolled design, the fourth floor has a marble sill that extends the length of the building. A chimney is located in the center back. The building is wider than the surrounding buildings but is of the same height.

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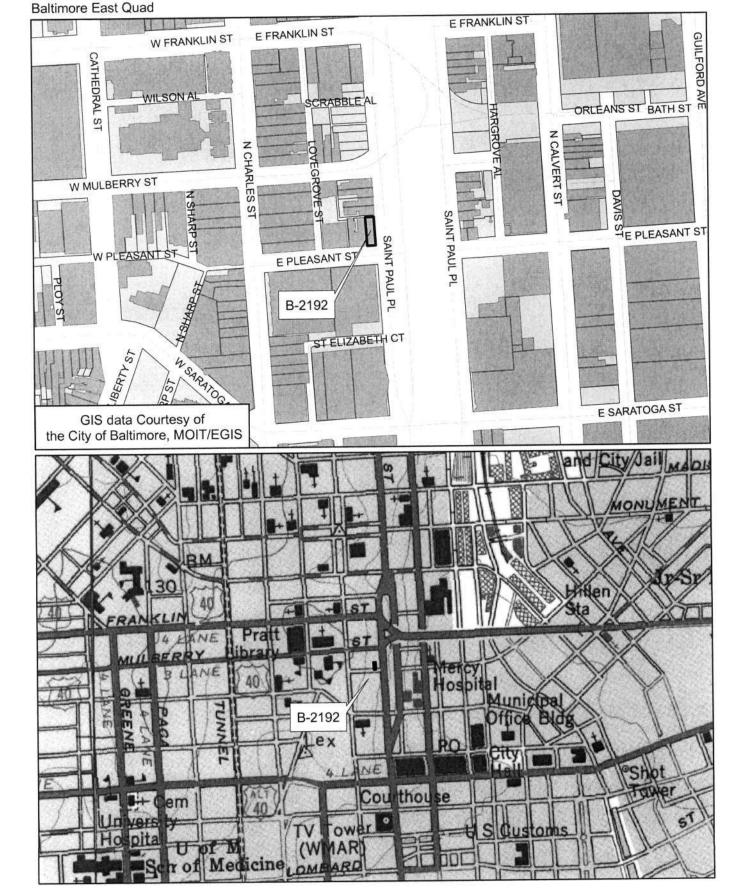
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